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FRONT PAGE STORY IN KINSHASA DAILY "ELIMA" JANUARY 26, ENTITLED "A DANGEROUS BLACKMAIL" AND WRITTEN BY INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS EDITOR BOLOMBO ATENGOLO, DISCUSSES CURRENT DEBATE IN WEST OVER ALLEGED SOVIET ARMS BUILD-UP. ARTICLE ASSERTS THAT DETENTE HAS BEEN OFFICIAL SOVIET POLICY FOR FIVE YEARS, AND THAT "WHILE THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS ALLIES IN THE SOCIALIST CAMP ARE ABLE TO SURPASS THE UNITES STATES (IN MILITARY POWER), THEY WOULD NOT TAKE THE INITIATIVE OF ATTACK. FOR THE SIMPLE REASON THAT...AN AGGRESSION AGAINST THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO A DECLARATION OF WAR AGAINST NATO...IT WOULD BE SUICIDE". WRITER ATENGOLO FINDS THEREFORE THAT THE CURRENT DEBATE IN THE WEST RESULTS NOT FROM "A TRUE THREAT, BUT CONSTITUTES, ON THE CONTRARY, PURE BLACKMAIL BY (WESTERN) MILITARIST GROUPS INTERESTED IN THE PURSUIT OF THE ARMS RACE". ITEM CONLEY

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